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Dear Parent,

Flu vaccination programme

Public Health England (PHE) has informed us of the late deliveries of the nasal spray vaccine for the flu vaccination programme in schools.

Unfortunately, this means that the flu vaccination session booked at your child's school on 26th November 2019 must be postponed because we will not have enough vaccine until later in the term. We will be in touch to discuss any rescheduling of a later vaccination session at your school.

Vaccinating children later in the season will still help provide protection for them and their families as flu tends to start circulating in late December/early January. However, for the small number of children who are at increased risk from flu because of an underlying health condition (such as asthma, diabetes, a heart condition, or who have a weakened immune system) it is important that their flu vaccination is not delayed. These children will be able to get the vaccine from their GP surgery, as general practices have been asked to prioritise the use of their vaccine for them. I attach a link to a leaflet that PHE has prepared for further information. <https://www.healthpublications.gov.uk/ViewArticle.html?sp=Sfluvaccinationforchildrenunder18flyer>

I realise this is disappointing news and we are very sorry for the inconvenience this may cause. We will keep your school updated on any future developments and would like to thank you for your continued understanding and cooperation. If you have any queries please contact somersetsaint@sompar.nhs.uk or 03003230032.

Yours sincerely,

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